

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A field-installable fusion fiber optic connector kit and methods of assembling the same include a ferrule block subassembly and a splice cover handling block subassembly. The  
5 ferrule block subassembly includes a fiber optic stub, a ferrule, and a disposable ferrule handling block. The ferrule has a longitudinal bore therethrough for holding the fiber optic stub so that an end of the fiber optic stub extends beyond the ferrule. The disposable ferrule handling block is used for  
10 holding the ferrule during the assembly process. The splice cover handling block subassembly includes a crimp body, a spring, a splice cover, and a disposable splice cover handling block. The disposable splice cover handling block is used for holding the crimp body, the spring, and the splice cover during the  
15 assembly process.